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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CONNECTOR

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on _____ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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Atty Doc. #: Q68048 Client: NGB CORPO^RATION

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Whereas, I/We, Kimihiro Abe
Shizuoka, Japan

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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in
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and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on
January 8, 2002 ; and

Whereas, YAZAKI CORPORATION of 4-28, Mita 1-chome, Minato-ku,
Tokyo, Japan

(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to
any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I/We, the above named assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its
successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed
therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and
I/we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth
in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we will execute without further
consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application
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I/We hereby authorize and request my attorneys SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS of
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Re: Application of Kimihiro ABE
CONNECTOR
Assignee: YAZAKI CORPORATION
Our Ref. Q68048

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-four (24) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, six (6) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.

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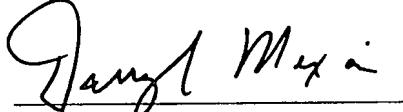
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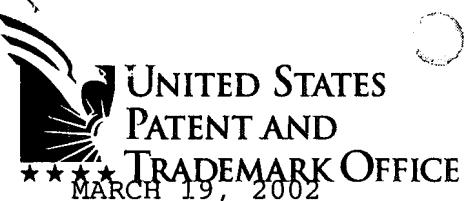
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Japan	2001-006448	January 15, 2001

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Respectfully submitted,
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therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and
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